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STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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The following statement was released by Chad Kolton, Director of Public Affairs, in response to an article titled, "Spy-Satellite Effort is Stalled by Disputes," published in the October 24, 2006 edition of *The Wall Street Journal*.

"The Intelligence Community remains fully committed to developing an effective space radar program to support the needs of our military commanders, our intelligence agencies and other users. Working closely and collaboratively with the Department of Defense to achieve this objective is a top priority for the Office of the Director of National Intelligence and the Intelligence Community. To suggest that friction between the ODNI and the Department of Defense is contributing to unnecessary delays in this important effort is both inaccurate and misleading. The process by which key programmatic decisions are considered and evaluated is typical of complex space decisions and does not reflect a lack of cooperation or commitment between the various departments and organizations involved."

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